

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of November 14, 2008 and January 17, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Invention 1, Claims 1-27, and 29, drawn to a modified surface. Applicants have cancelled Claims 28 and 30 (Invention II), drawn to methods of modifying a surface. Applicants have also cancelled Claim 31 (Invention III), drawn to a use of a device comprising a modified surface according to claim 1. This election is made without traverse as Applicants agree with the Examiner that the canceled claims are patentably distinct from the elected claims.

In addition, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, species (ii): Ag-PTFE-surfactant coating. Claims 13-19 read on the elected species. Claims 1-6, 24-27, and 29 are generic.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for substantive examination, which action is requested. If any extension of time for the current submission is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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